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DATA ON GREEK MILITARY PRISONERS
IN USSR AND SATELLITE PRISONS

Comment: On 1 March 1953, Eleftheria reported that it asked for and received the following information from the Greek Army General Staff. The information gives data on the number and location of Greek prisoners held in Iron Curtain countries. 7

The total number of Greek military personnel held as prisoners in the Satellite countries is 3,062, of whom 104 are officers and 2,958 are enlisted men.

From investigations (made up to the present) by military authorities, a total of 1,724 men (49 officers and 1,675 enlisted men) have been identified by name.

Of these, 352 (15 officers and 337 enlisted men) are being held in Albania; 154 (2 officers and 152 enlisted men) in Bulgaria; 46 enlisted men in Rumania; 37 (4 officers and 33 enlisted men) in Hungary; 160 (2 officers and 158 enlisted men) in Czechoslovakia; 180 (7 officers and 173 enlisted men) in Poland; 302 (7 officers and 295 enlisted men) in the USSR; and 493 (12 officers and 481 enlisted men) in unknown localities.

There is no information on the other 1,338 men.

In Albania, all of the Greek military prisoners are at the Lusnje concentration camp. An unknown number of men are in the Durrës and Tirana concentration camp. It is possible that prisoners are being held in other cities.

The Lusnje concentration camp is surrounded by barbed-wire fences 2 meters high. It is guarded by 40-50 men under the supervision of "Police" Officers. Besides this guard unit, there is also a special security service which has its headquarters at the camp.

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Living conditions in the Lusnje camp are characterized as unbearable.

In Bulgaria, the exact number of Greek military prisoners in the various concentration camps has not been ascertained. Greek military prisoners are held at the Berkovitsa camp, the Nozyarevo /unidentified; transliteration from the Greek/ camp in Northeast Bulgaria, the Zahrats /unidentified; transliteration from the Greek/ camp, and in the Tutrakan Region. There are about 60 Greek military prisoners at this latter camp. An unknown number of Greek military prisoners are at a camp on Belene island. According to an old report, about 200 men are being held there.

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